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Voyage of US Flag Mer ship to Gdynia

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1. The US flag merchant ship arrived at Gdynia on 16 April 1953, discharged 300 tons of mail and one automobile, and departed on 18 April after loading 268 bags of mail. The ship was berthed at the French Quay.
2. Polish Submarine: A Polish submarine with number B12 visible was overtaken near the Sea Buoy surfaced and heading into Gdynia on the evening of 16 April; her speed was estimated to be four knots; no other naval vessels were observed in the vicinity. [Vessel appears to be the Polish SS Zbik Rys.]
3. Destroyers: At 0930 on 17 April the Polish DD Blyskawica passed the French Quay heading out to sea; she returned at 1830 the same day. She was equipped with three closed turrets, each mounting a single 4" gun, four twin 40 mm mounts aft, and two single AA mounts each side of bridge and depth charge racks. No radar was visible.

In addition, six or seven unidentified DDs were observed in Military Basin No. 2.

4. Merchant Vessels: Several French ships loading coal were observed by source.

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